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ROADWATCH: Week of July 17 - 23

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of northbound and southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during nighttime hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE CLEANING OVER INTERSTATE 581** – Weather permitting, daytime shoulder closures and nighttime lane closures will be in place on the I-581 ramps at I-81's exit 143 in Roanoke County. The bridges will be cleaned and repainted. Estimated completion is late July.

ROANOKE

* **ELM AVENUE BRIDGE WORK** – Motorists should watch for lane closures on I-581 at Elm Avenue in the City of Roanoke. Crews will be working during the overnight hours to make repairs to the Elm Avenue bridge. Work is scheduled to begin on the northbound side and progress to the southbound side in the following weeks. Work will be performed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday until work is completed in late July. Motorists should watch for signs and message boards.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 581 SIGN INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, July 18, two overhead signs on I-581 will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound I-581 between 7 a.m. and noon.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Roanoke County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 867 bridge over Norfolk Southern railroad tracks
- Route 601 bridge over Tinker Creek

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Work along Route 220 near the Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) intersection will cause a shoulder closure on northbound Route 220.

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* **ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 779. Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 311 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION** – Weather permitting, crews will install a left turn lane from Route 311 onto Route 785 (Blacksburg Road). Watch for signs and flaggers on Route 311 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010. A portion of Route 720 (Colonial Avenue) is closed to through traffic between the entrance to North Cross School and Route 1991 (Colonial Place Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. Signs are in place advising motorists of the detour.

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled this week on Route 1615 (Willetta Drive).

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for guardrail upgrades on a 4.2 mile section of eastbound Route 460 between Route 690 (Nester Road) and Route 681 (Magnolia Drive) and a 0.3 mile section of westbound Route 460 starting east of Route 689 (Irving Road). Work will be performed during daylight hours starting at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures may be in place on the section of Route 221 between Ambassador Drive and the Lynchburg City limits due to paving. Work may be performed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow or cut brush along secondary roads throughout in Bedford County. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours in these areas:

- Irving area – roads south of Route 460
- Big Island area – roads north of Route 221
- Villamont and Jordan Town areas
- Huddleston, Moneta and Montvale areas
- Route 663 (Perrowville Road)
- Route 609 (Gum Tree Road)
- Route 660 (Hawkins Mill Road)

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays due to pavement patching:

- Route 24 (Stewartsville Road)
- Route 122 (Big Island Highway)
- Route 635 (Jeters Chapel from Route 1023 (Cascade Drive) to Route 603 (Mountain Top Lane)
- Route 714 (Falling Creek Road)
- Route 725 (Peck Church Road)
- Route 749 (Meadow Spur Road)

* **ROUTE 643 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Flaggers will control traffic on Route 643 (Cifax Road) on weekdays from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. due to a pipe replacement. The pipe is located about 0.3 south of Route 644 (Old Cifax Road) and 1.7 miles north of Route 1223 (Kings Grant Drive). Estimated completion is late July.

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* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on roads in the Big Island, Irving and Smith Mountain Lake areas.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch the Route 11 bridge over the James River. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for lane closures.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Botetourt County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in the Buchanan and Troutville areas.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads in the Buchanan, Eagle Rock and Troutville areas. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Drivers should watch for possible lane closures on northbound and southbound I-77 due to pavement patching. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays and mobile lane closures.

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Work is underway to rehabilitate a pair of I-77 bridges over Little Reed Island Creek at mile marker 13.7. Between mile marker 13 and 14, two lanes of northbound and southbound I-77 traffic are shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder. The left lane and left shoulder of northbound and southbound I-77 are closed. The speed limit on northbound and southbound I-77 is reduced to 55 mph.

* **ROUTE 58 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 58 in Carroll County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

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* BRIDGE PATCHING – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Carroll County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 620 over Interstate 77 with possible night work
- Route 58 over Crooked Creek (near Walk In The Wild)

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers should be aware of the following due to the Route 58 Hillsville Bypass construction:

- Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.
- The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County.
- The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph.
- The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 is shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 starting 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extending to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road). The westbound lane of Route 58 between the west town limits of Hillsville and Route 808 (Expansion Drive). Traffic is now traveling on the newly constructed eastbound lanes. Traffic will remain shifted until fall.
- Traffic has been shifted off of the existing two-lane section of Route 58 that starts about 0.1 mile west of Route 820 (Freemont Road) and extends to 0.3 mile west of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road). Traffic is now using a newly constructed section of roadway. In addition, Route 669's intersection with Route 58 will be relocated just west of its current location.

*** MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Carroll County due to mowing.

*** PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Carroll County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

*** ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 16 through 6 a.m. Monday, July 19, a portion of Route 311 in Craig County will be closed to through traffic. The road will be closed in this area while crews replace the Route 311 bridge over a branch of John's Creek. The bridge is located approximately one and a half miles north of Route 42 in New Castle. A detour will be in place. A detour will be established as listed below. Motorists should be advised that the detour is approximately 13 miles long and will add approximately 20 minutes to their travel time.

* ROUTE 311 PAVEMENT MARKING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Monday, July 19 for paving on a section of Route 311 between New Castle and the south end of the Johns Creek bridge. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Flaggers may control traffic at times.

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* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Craig County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 221 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 221 due to work on shoulders during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 768 (Kyle Weeks Road).

* **ROUTE 624 PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along Route 624 (Reese Road). Expect possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Floyd County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 787 over Big Indian Creek (near intersection with Route 740)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 614 (Lovell Road)
- Route 641 (Timberline Road)
- Route 666 (Radford Road)
- Route 706 (Thunderstruck Road)
- Route 711 (Graysville Road)
- Route 757 (Hylton Road)
- Route 888 (Cypress Drive)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 220 due to work on shoulders during daylight hours one weekdays.

* **ROUTE 927 DETOUR** – Route 927 (Iron Bridge Road) is closed to traffic, so crews can take rock and soil borings needed to develop future plans to replace the bridge over the Norfolk and Southern railroad tracks. The section of Route 927 extends between its intersections with Route 40 (Franklin Street) and Route 864 (Old Ferrum Road). Weather permitting, traffic on this section of Route 927 will be detoured through Friday, July 23. Traffic will remain detoured off Route 927 until Friday, July 23. Starting Monday, July 26, drivers can expect Route 927 to be closed on weekdays each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Franklin County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in Burnt Chimney and Callaway areas.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned on Route 780 (Jamison Mill Road).

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* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 668 (Gilford Road).

* **PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, crews may replace pipes along various routes in Franklin County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 611 (Sago Road) and Route 890 (Snow Creek Road).

* **ROUTE 602 SHOULDER WORK** – Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours on weekdays along Ferrum Mountain Road due work on shoulders.

GILES COUNTY

* **LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 61, Route 219 and Old Route 100 in Giles County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* **BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Giles County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

- Route 601 bridge over Sinking Creek (located 0.6 mile from Route 42)
- Route 622 bridge over Big Walker Creek (near Route 708)
- Route 623 bridge over the New River and the railroad tracks (located 0.3 mile from Route 633)
- Route 634 bridge over the Route 460 Bypass (located 0.1 mile from Route 1237)
- Route 635 bridge over Stoney Creek (located 0.3 mile from Route 628)
- Route 649 bridge over the East River (located near Route 648)
- Route 663 bridge over Big Walker Creek (located 0.6 mile from Route 708)

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Giles County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 100 bridge over Big Walker Creek.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of the Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on various secondary roads. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 608 (Brickyard Road) and Route 1001 (Church Street).

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 622 (River Road) and Route 752 (Dalton Road).

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HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

* **ROUTE 666 BRIDGE WORK** -- A section of Route 666 (Trenthill Drive) in Henry County is closed to through traffic, so the bridge over the Smith River can be repaired. Trenthill Drive will be closed between its intersections with Route 722 (Lucky Hill Road) and Route 740 (Rosemont Road). Detour signs are in place directing traffic to use Route 674 around the closure. Work is anticipated to be completed, and the road reopened to traffic by Friday, Aug. 6.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **PRICES FORK ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 460 BYPASS WORK** – Weather permitting, work on the Prices Fork Road (Route 412) bridge in Blacksburg may cause lane closures beneath the bridge on the Route 460 Bypass. The bridge will be cleaned and painted. Work will be performed daily until completed in early August.

* **BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Montgomery County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

- Route 605 bridge over the Little River located 0.5 mile from I-81
- Route 652 bridge over Tom's Creek located one mile from Route 696
- Route 685 bridge over Stroubles Creek located one mile from Route 114
- Route 813 bridge over the Roanoke River at Kumis located near Route 11
- Route 821 bridge over the North Fork of Roanoke River located 0.3 mile from Route 603
- Route 1252 bridge over the North Fork of Roanoke River

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Montgomery County. Crews may be working Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 636 bridge over I-81 located about 0.2 mile from Route 820.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 603 (North Fork Road)
- Route 674 (Bow Hill Road)
- Route 674 (Craigs Mountain Road)
- Route 836 (Seven Mile Tree Road)

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* **ROUTE 667 RECONSTRUCTION** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place with flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays due to work to reconstruct and apply surface treatment to Route 667 (Stanley Road). Work is expected to be completed by Saturday, July 24.

* **ROUTE 777 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 777 (Old Brush Mountain Road) and Route 1246 (Kinser Court). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 808 BRIDGE GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will work on guardrail at the Route 808 (Hightop Road) bridge over Slate Branch. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile from Route 709. Flaggers may control traffic on the bridge during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 745 BRIDGE WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on Route 745 (Big Spring Road) bridge over Brake Branch. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile from Route 11. Flaggers may control traffic on the bridge during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 669 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, crews may replace pipes. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 669 (Patterson Drive).

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads Route 606 (Sidney Church Road).

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic. Buena Vista Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 58 Business (Blue Ridge Street) and Route T-1006 (Rye Cove Street). This closure is necessary for construction of the tie in of Route T-1011 (Buena Vista Avenue) to the new Route 8 connector. Detour signs will be in place to direct motorists. Weather permitting, the road will be re-opened to traffic on Wednesday, July 21.

* **ROUTE 58 LINE PAINTING** – Crews will paint lines on Route 58 in Patrick County. Mobile lane closures may be in place during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for slow moving traffic.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Patrick County due to mowing. Flaggers may direct traffic at times.

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PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 778 RECONSTRUCTION** – Starting on Monday, July 19, work will begin to install a box culvert on Route 778 (Dallas Freeman Road). Drivers should expect lane closures and watch for flaggers during daylight hours on weekdays. Estimated completion is in October.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 663 (Owens Road) and Route 738 (Robinson Tract Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Pulaski County due to mowing. Flaggers may direct traffic at times.

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